

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1063
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Shirley Yvonne Godsey Baird on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Yvonne Godsey Baird is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 32 years as kindergarten assistant at Mary Hughes School in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Baird will be taking a much deserved retirement at the end of this school year; and

WHEREAS, born April 21, 1941, to Andrew and Muriel Godsey, Yvonne grew up with siblings Haskell and Jeanette, and graduated from Mary Hughes High School in 1959; she has remained an active Alumna of Mary Hughes School; and

WHEREAS, prior to her service as a kindergarten assistant, she started work as a substitute teacher in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Baird is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including her membership at Piney Flats Baptist Church, where she is a charter member and for 42 years has taught four and five year olds in Sunday school and for 43 years has sung in the choir; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Baird is an accomplished gardener, producing the best tomatoes in the area, and an expert cook and canner, putting up both meat and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Baird exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; happily married to William Darryl Baird since August 22, 1959, she is the proud mother of Dean, a veterinarian, and Mark, a canine officer, and a doting grandmother; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Baird maintains a keen interest in worldwide current events; in nature she is conservative, loyal, dedicated and fun to be around; and

WHEREAS, in the practice of her profession, Yvonne Baird's high moral character has inspired both the children she taught and those fellow educators with whom she worked; she has been a positive influence in the lives of children throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Baird has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues, whether teachers or administrators, and the parents of the children she taught; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Shirley Yvonne Godsey Baird our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.